

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Congress established Adult Basic Education through the Adult Education Act of 1966, and the pioneers of the field were born in a handful of sites scattered across South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The professional, highly trained team of teachers and tutors of Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) are dedicated to providing educational opportunities at no charge for adults which enable them to become effective citizens; and,

Whereas, AEL educators help adults by offering a second chance at basic academic skills, by providing the knowledge necessary for employment and self-sufficiency, by encouraging participation in their children's education, and by preparing them to complete their high school equivalency certificate; and,

Whereas, Through the support and assistance of AEL educators, 32,757 people have earned their GED since 1983 with a passing rate of 83 percent throughout the last 10 years, and 30,823 people have been provided basic academic skills services since 2000:

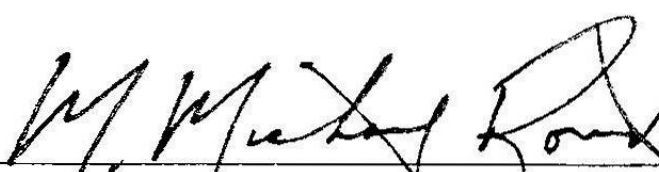
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 27 – August 2, 2008, as

ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY EDUCATORS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State